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To Whom it May Copcern:

I would like to submit these comments on the Proposed Final Judgement in United States v. Microsoft. As a long-time computer user, I operated a Bulletin Board System (BBS) for several years in the mid-80's and currently maintain a couple of websites. I use computers daily, and have extensive experience with a variety of platforms and software systems.

I am astounded that after found guilty of what Attorney General Ashcroft says is "Microsoft's unlawful conduct," in operating a monopoly, the remedy solution in the Proposed Final Judgment (PFJ) fails to BEGIN to address serious issues and practices. After reading Dan Kegel's (and many others in a wide range of media) points about some of the failures in the PFJ, even if 1/3 of these concerns are legitamate I am astounded at how weak this "remedy" is worded. There are holes in here Microsoft can drive a tractor trailer through. The wording doesn't include Windows XP??? Obviously, this was composed by someone sympathetic to Microsoft or by someone who doesn't have a clue. The lack of punishment here is laughable and only adds to the appearance that the legal process is corrupt. On behalf of the American legal system, I suggest you address these probelms, or you set the example that breaking U.S. laws results in no punishment- not a good example for our youth, Microsoft, or future monopolisitic companies.

Thanks for your consideration of my brief comments.

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